

“INACTIVE” – WHAT DOES IT MEAN? HOW DID IT HAPPEN? HOW TO CHANGE BACK TO “ACTIVE” STATUS?

Voters become “**inactive**” from the Voting List when they (1) do not respond to the Annual Listing of Residents; (2) move within the City and do not submit a change of address with the Election Department; or (3) move out of the City and have not registered to vote in their new city or town.



INFORMATION FOR INACTIVE VOTERS WHO HAVE MOVED FROM THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ANOTHER MA TOWN/CITY WITHOUT MAKING AN ADDRESS CHANGE WITH THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT

INACTIVE VOTERS CAN STILL VOTE!

***** STATE ELECTIONS ONLY: SIX (6) MONTHS GRACE PERIOD *****

For State Primaries or State Elections only, you may vote in Boston from the address where you were last registered to vote until the expiration of six (6) months from the date you moved out of Boston.

- You must go to the polling location for the precinct where you were last registered to vote.
- At the check-in table, give the clerk your name and your old address. Your name will have a letter “I” next to it, indicating you are inactive.
- You will be asked to show identification (from your current address).
- You will be required to fill out a form called “**Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence.**”
- You will fill out a **new voter registration form** for the new address and leave it with the election officers. Once processed, this will transfer your registration to the new address for future elections.
- You will be allowed to vote.

If you choose **not** to vote in the election, please download a new voter registration form from www.cityofboston.gov/elections and fill out with your new address. Mail the completed and signed form to your local Election Office or Town Clerk.

Please call the Boston Election Department at **617-635-3767** if you have any further questions or concerns.